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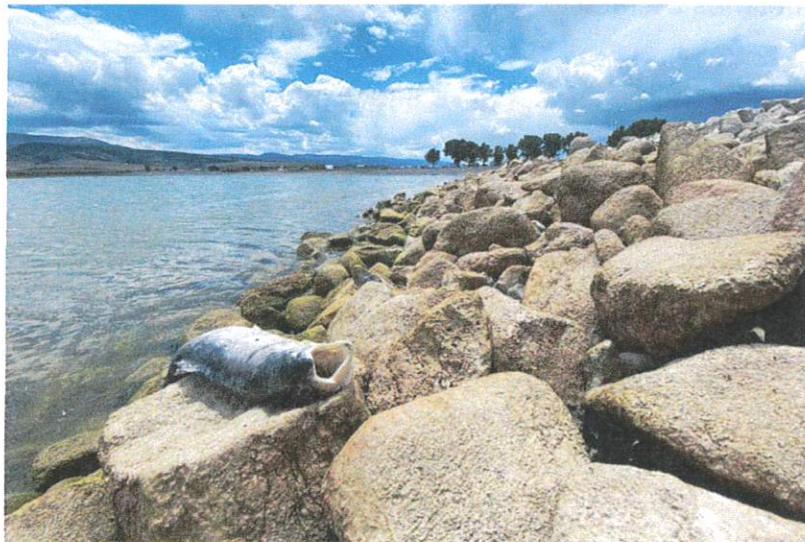
Fishing limits increased at more Utah waterbodies due to low water levels

SALT LAKE CITY – In anticipation of continued low water levels due to extreme drought conditions across the state, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources issued more emergency changes to **Utah's fishing regulations** Wednesday. Those changes will allow anglers to catch and keep more fish at some additional waterbodies around the state.

Drought impacts fish by reducing the amount of water available in lakes, reservoirs and streams. Smaller amounts of water heat up more quickly and reach higher temperatures, which is problematic for fish because warm water holds less oxygen than colder water. The combination of high temperatures and low oxygen can stress fish, causing poor growth and disease, and can sometimes be fatal to fish.

To reduce the likelihood of fish die-offs in some waterbodies with anticipated low water levels, the DWR is increasing the daily fish limits at those lakes and reservoirs to allow anglers to catch and keep more fish. This is the DWR's third round of emergency fishing changes this summer, with the previous regulation changes taking place **earlier this month** and **in May** at various drought-impacted waterbodies around the state.

The following changes are effective immediately and will remain in place until Oct. 31, 2021. Here are the waterbodies with increased daily fish limits:



CENTRAL UTAH

- **Fairview Lakes, Sanpete County:** Increasing the daily limit to eight trout
- **McClellan Reservoir, Utah County:** Increasing the daily limit to eight trout
- **Mona Reservoir, Juab County:** Increasing the daily limit to a combined total of 20 for wiper, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass
- **Palisade Reservoir, Sanpete County:** Increasing the daily limit to a combined total of 20 for wiper, trout (any species) and black crappie
- **Payson Lake (Big East), Utah County:** Increasing the daily limit to eight trout
- **Towne (Town) Reservoir, Sanpete County:** Increasing the daily limit to eight trout

NORTHERN UTAH

- **Newton Reservoir, Cache County:** Increasing the daily limit to 100 bluegill, 100 yellow perch and 100 black crappie
- **Pineview Reservoir, Weber County:** Increasing the daily limit to 100 bluegill, 100 yellow perch, 40 black crappie and 48 black bullhead

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SALT LAKE CITY (KUTV) — The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources issued more emergency changes to [Utah's fishing regulations](#) in anticipation of continued low water levels during the state's ongoing drought.

The changes will allow fishers to catch and keep more fish at some Utah waterbodies.

Allowing fishers to catch and keep more fish will help reduce the likelihood of fish dieoffs, according to the DWR.

Smaller amounts of water heat up faster, which is troublesome for fish because the warmer waters hold less oxygen. This can stress the fish, cause poor growth and disease and can sometimes be fatal to fish populations.

In order to curve the negative effects, the DWR said they're increasing the daily fish limits at certain lakes and reservoirs.

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In a list provided by the Utah DWR, the following changes are effective immediately and will remain in place until Oct. 31, 2021.

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Central Utah

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